

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

The Iowa Immunization Program Newsletter

Spring 2013

News & Summaries

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2013 Iowa Immunization Conference

June 12-13 • Des Moines

SPEAKERS:
Paul Offit, MD | *Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION



To register go to: www.trainingresources.org
Registration open from March 29-June 5. Registration fee \$45.

Continuing Education Credits:
Nursing, CME, CMA, CHES, CPEU, CDE, and CPE



Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine Secondary School Requirement

The Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Immunization, has completed the administrative rules process to require tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine for students enrolling in 7th grade. The administrative rule change was effective January 16, 2013 and will be implemented at the beginning of the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. The change will require a one-time booster dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis-containing vaccine for applicants in grades 7 and above, if born on or after September 15, 2000; regardless of the interval since the last tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccine.

The Immunization Program has developed a variety of resource materials regarding the new requirement which are available on the Program's webpage [here](#). In addition, the Certificate of Immunization (requirements table on the second page) has been updated to include the new requirement. The updated Certificate of Immunization is available

on the Immunization Program webpage and available to order from the Health Protection Clearinghouse by calling 1-888-398-9696 or completing the Immunization Program literature order form at www.idph.state.ia.us/ImmTB/Products.aspx?prog=Imm&pg=Products. Previous versions of the Certificate of Immunization remain valid and student records do not need to be updated to the current version of the certificate. Healthcare providers may continue to use existing supplies of the Certificate of Immunization and then reorder the new certificate once supplies are depleted.

In preparation of the upcoming requirement, the Immunization Program is providing Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) with Tdap vaccine to conduct school-based immunization clinics for all adolescents, regardless of insurance status or Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program eligibility. As part of the Tdap vaccination initiative, LPHAs may conduct school based vaccination clinics in conjunction with individual schools and school districts. School based immunization clinics may be held anytime during the 2012-13 school year.

National Infant Immunization Week



April 20-27 is NIIW 2013

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities. Since 1994, NIIW has served as a call to action for parents, caregivers, and healthcare providers to ensure that infants are fully immunized against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases. The following CDC web page displays resources and ideas for how to promote this important week in your community.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/planning.html>

VFC Highlights

Discontinue Use of Dormitory Refrigerators

A new requirement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) eliminates the use of dormitory or bar-style refrigerator/freezer units for storage of federally purchased vaccines under any circumstances, including temporary storage. **All VFC providers who use dorm-style units to store federally purchased VFC vaccines are required to replace it with a recommended storage unit by December 31, 2013.** Additional information regarding the requirement is available [here](#).

Upcoming Annual VFC Provider Re-enrollment

VFC guidelines require providers to annually re-enroll in the program. This year, VFC providers will complete re-enrollment in the Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS). Please watch for e-mail communication from the Iowa VFC Program in May with detailed instructions related to completion of VFC provider enrollment forms.

Nonviable Vaccine Return

Vaccine received through the Iowa VFC Program that has spoiled or expired must be returned to CDC's centralized distributor within six months of expiration of the product. Return of nonviable vaccine allows the Immunization Program to receive a federal excise tax credit and provides CDC information to monitor and document vaccine loss as required by the program guidelines. To return nonviable vaccine follow the instructions on the Return form found on the VFC webpage [here](#). A copy of the Nonviable Vaccine Return Form must be faxed to the Immunization Program at 1-800-831-6292.

IRIS Update

IRIS Update - Locked Accounts/Forgotten Passwords

Is your IRIS account locked? Have you forgotten your password? These are the most frequent calls to the IRIS Help Desk. As a reminder, IRIS Admin Users can unlock Standard User accounts. Admin Users can also reset passwords for Standard Users within an organization. Detailed instructions are provided in the [Administrative User training video](#), page 20 of the [IRIS Training-Admin User Handout](#), or by calling the IRIS Help Desk at 1-800-374-3958. Standard Users can work with Admin Users to have accounts unlocked, reactivated, or passwords reset. If Admin Users are unavailable, Standard Users can call the IRIS Help Desk at 1-800-374-3958.

Question Corner

Q: Will all students born after Sept 15, 2000 need to have proof of Tdap receipt or just 7th graders; the wording makes it sound as if perhaps it will be for grades 7-12?

A: For the 2013-14 school year, only students entering grades 7 and above, who were born on or after September 15, 2000, will be required to have the Tdap vaccine. If a student is entering 8th through 12th grades next year, they were generally born prior to September 15, 2000, therefore would not need proof of receipt of the Tdap dose. Likewise, if a student entering 7th grade in 2013-2014 was born before September 15, 2000, s/he will not be required to have a dose of Tdap vaccine. Eventually, in the 2018-2019 school year, all adolescents in grades 7-12 will be required to have a dose of Tdap vaccine.

Q: If a student already has a valid Medical or Religious Certificate of Immunization Exemption on file, will s/he need an updated certificate of exemption form filled out for the 7th grade Tdap vaccine requirement?

A: If a Certificate of Medical Exemption is for a specific vaccine(s), not including diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, than yes, s/he would need a new Certificate of Medical Exemption form filled out to include those antigens. If a medical exemption form has no specific vaccines listed, then it is a valid Certificate of Immunization Exemption for all vaccines and remains valid for the student's entire enrollment period in an Iowa licensed childcare, elementary and secondary school.

Q: What if my child received a dose of DTaP or Tdap between 7 and 10 years of age; will s/he still need a dose of Tdap at age 11 years?

A: No, any dose of pertussis-containing vaccine received on or after age 7 years will count as the adolescent booster dose requirement for school entry. This would be considered either an off-label use or a medication administration error, but does not require re-vaccinating the individual who received it.

Q: Are old versions of the Certificate of Immunization valid or do all students need to be updated with a new certificate?

A: Previous versions of the Certificate of Immunization remain valid and student records do not need to be updated to the current version. Healthcare providers may continue to use existing supplies of the Certificate of Immunization and then reorder the new certificate once supplies are depleted.

Resources

Iowa Department of Public Health, Immunization Bureau Email Lists

The Iowa Immunization Program has several email lists serves available to help health care providers receive important and timely immunization related information. Providers can send a blank email to the addresses below to receive updates directly in their inbox!

- VFC List: join-VFC@lists.ia.gov
- Immunization Program List: join-IMMUNIZATION@lists.ia.gov
- IRIS List: join-IRISUSERS@lists.ia.gov

Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations with Parents

Making time to talk with parents about vaccines during the well-child visit may be challenging. Here's some help: CDC, AAP, and AAFP created these materials to help you assess parents' needs, identify the role they want to play in making decisions for their child's health, and then communicate in ways that meet their needs. These resources are collectively called [**Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations with Parents**](#).

Adult Patient Education Resources Web Page

National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) has released a new web page which has [**free materials for providers to educate and encourage adult patients to get vaccinated**](#). New outreach materials for patients with special health conditions include tear-sheets that list recommended vaccines based on the patient's health condition and posters reminding patients to ask their healthcare providers about vaccines. The materials target people with diabetes, asthma, and heart conditions. Also included in the outreach materials are prescription pads that healthcare providers who do not provide vaccines can use to send their patients to get vaccinated at an alternate location. Lastly, a new fact sheet has been developed which summarizes the vaccines recommended for adults.

Pertussis Educational Posters

With rising rates of pertussis in many states across the country, efforts are underway to raise awareness about vaccine recommendations. See new downloadable CDC developed posters at the [**pertussis print material web page**](#).